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(b) if so, whether pattas were issued for the said lands; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) Yes.

"(c) Does not arise."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" May I know, Sir, if, whether along with the house-sites, a well has also been sanctioned for providing drinking water to Harijans. If so, Sir, may I know whether the well has been dug; if not, why has so much delay taken place? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I request notice about the question."

Sub-Court for Kasaragod.

* 489 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal to open a Sub-Court at Kasaragod; and

(b) if so, why it has not been done?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) & (b) Representations have been received to open a Sub-Court at Kasargod. The Government have examined the matter carefully but consider that there is no case for the opening of a Sub-Court for the present."

Management of the Koothali estate, Kurumbranad taluk.

* 503 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member in whose name the question stands is not in his place and so, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) what the total yearly income derived by Government from Koothali estate (Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar) is; and

(b) what the total expenditure incurred by Government on managing the above estate is?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) Rs. 37,763–9–4.

" (b) Rs. 23,376–13–8."

Recognition of the Constables' Association.

* 504 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have withdrawn recognition of the Constables' Association;

(*b*) if so, on what date and on what grounds;

(*c*) whether any notice of withdrawal of such recognition was served on any of the office-bearers of the Association; and

(*d*) whether the Association premises were raided on the morning of 8th January 1953 and property of the Association in any way damaged or destroyed or taken away?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The reference is presumed to be to the City Constables Association.

" (*b*) The recognition of the Association was withdrawn on 8th January 1953, and a Press Note issued by Government the same day sets out in detail the reasons for this decision; the attention of the hon. Member is invited to that Press Note.

" (*c*) No, Sir. The conduct of the Executive Committee precluded any such notice.

" (*d*) The premises were entered into so as to effect the arrest of certain persons duly ordered to be detained under the Preventive Detention Act. As far as Government are aware, no property belonging to the Association was damaged or destroyed or taken away."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know if it is not a fact that some of the records and some property were seized and taken away by the Government? Will the Government consider the question of restoring them to the Association? Will the Government also consider the question of granting recognition to the Association? When will they take up the question if it is not at present under their consideration? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has put four questions together."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already said that no property was damaged or destroyed or taken away. Some papers were taken in order to find out facts and regarding their return, if proper applications are made, they will be returned."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" When, Sir, papers and files are taken away from the office of a public organization . . . (The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam : ' Public organization? ') It is a public organization in the sense that people belonging to the general public have started that organization. When papers are taken away from an Association of the public by the Police without a search warrant, is it not the duty of the Police to automatically return them? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There are rules concerning the seizure and the return and every rule will be observed."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I would like to know whether the Government have since granted recognition to the Association; if they have not, do they contemplate giving recognition? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question has been repeated; it was put by the hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundaram."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" But my question was not answered, Sir, and it was whether, since the constables have been deprived of their venue of making representations, the Government will consider the question of granting recognition to the Association. That question has not been answered, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the conduct of the people concerned changes and sufficiently changes for recognition, the time will arrive then and the Government will consider it but not now."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, is it not the question of recognition of an organization a matter of collective bargaining? When a question of collective bargaining is involved in the matter of recognition of a trade union the one and only criterion is whether the organization is representative of the people whom it claims to represent and may I, therefore, know whether the Government have got any other considerations for according this recognition? " 9–50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the points and principles referred to by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition do not apply to service organizations and especially to a Police Service Organization."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, in the absence of an organization which can actually represent the body of constables how do the Government propose to find an avenue for the constables to represent their grievances? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there are plenty of avenues for the representation of their grievances and, in fact, it is very easy to make and very difficult to overrule representations or even to deal with bad cases where men have to be dealt with under the disciplinary rules. There is no difficulty whatsoever for Government servants to make representations. As regards the question whether this particular body of officials require additional facilities for organizing and representing their grievances, I have no doubt that the policemen concerned will duly make their representations."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the City Constables Association did at any time apply for the restoration of recognition after it was withdrawn by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the gentlemen who were dismissed have been writing letters but Government do not consider them to be representations from policemen who are in service."

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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I can understand individual constables being able to make representations direct to Government in cases of personal grievances but where a grievance is common to all constables how do the Government expect them to make individual representations, and, if not so, what is the channel that the Government propose to open up for the constables to make collective representations? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I am quite convinced that they have every facility to make representations of the kind mentioned without the assistance of the gentlemen opposite."

Representations from the Romperu Irrigation Development Committee.

* 508 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any representation was made to the Government by the Romperu Irrigation Development Committee, Chirala, for the authorization of the Romperu Lands Committee with the Sub-Collector, Ongole, as its Chairman—

(1) to examine each case of encroachment of the Romperu lands and decide upon as to which of the encroachers deserve to possess the lands; and

(2) to investigate into the possibilities of providing irrigation facilities to these lands;

and if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, the matter is receiving attention."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Sir, may I know what are the specific terms of reference made to the Romperu Committee appointed by the Government and whether the Government have received the report of this Committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the Government have not yet received the report. The terms are to go into the various questions pertaining to the Romperu drain lands. A Special Deputy Collector has also been appointed to gather the necessary data."

The " Madras Information."

* 509 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state what are the aims and objects of Government in publishing " Madras Information? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The aims and objects of the 'Madras Information' are to supply information on Government's policies and activities in the various departments—

(1) to the public in this State,